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SUBJ: SHIPPING AND SEAMEN: WAIVER OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP REQUIRE-MENTS FOR CREW OF US REGISTERED VESSEL

REF: 7 FAM 516.1-2 AND RELATED REGULATIONS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM JUDE ST. ROMAIN, VICE PRES., THE AMERICAN OFFSHORE FLEET, P.O. BOX 8, GALLIANO, LA., ADVISING THAT THE FIRMS' TUG ROSIE M. GUIDRY IS OPERATING UNDER CHARTER TO A BAHAMIAN CORP IN FREEPORT, GRAND BAHAMA ISLAND, BAHAMAS. BY JUNE 1974, THE FIRM EXPECTS TO HAVE A SECOND TUG, LISA A. GUIDRY, OPERATING IN FREEPORT. LETTER STATES EACH TUG IS A US REGISTERED VESSEL, OVER ONE-HUNDRED THOUSAND TONS.

2. LETTER FURTHER STATES THE FIRM EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN HIRING US CITIZENS FOR THE UNLICENSED POSITIONS ON THE TUGS AND REQUESTS THAT THE EMBASSY AUTHORIZE A WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT AT LEAST 75 PERCENT OF THE UNLICENSED CREW MEMBERS MUST BE US CITIZENS. THE FIRM PROPOSED TO HIRE BAHAMIANS FOR ALL UNLICENSED POSITIONS I.E. FOUR OF EACH VESSELS' CREW OF SIX. THE FIRM BELIEVES IT WILL HAVE PROBLEMS IN OBWTAINING WORK PERMITS FROM GCOB FOR THEIR AMERICAN CITIZEN LICENSED OFFICERS IF OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR EMPLOYMENT OF BAHAMIANS IN THE UNLICENSED POSITIONS ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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3. WHILE EMBASSY AGREES FIRM WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION VIS-A-VIS GCOB IF BAHAMIANS COULD BE HIRED FOR ALL THEIR TUGS' UNLICENSED CREW POSITIONS, CONSULAR OFFICER NOT SURE, DESPITE CAREFUL READING PERTINENT REGULATIONS IN 7 FAM, THAT EMBASSY IS IN POSITION TO AUTHORIZE REQUESTED WAIVER. PLEASE ADVISE AND IF PERMITTED, DOES WAIVER NOTIFICATION IN THE FORM OF EMBASSY LETTER SATISFY REQUIREMENTS? SPIERS

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